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REFERENCE TO: Mission 4037, MILITARY ACTIVITY
SHARM ASH SHAYKH, EGYPT

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THE MAJOR EGYPTIAN MILITARY INSTALLATION IN THE STRAIT OF TIRAN AREA AND PROBABLY SERVES AS THE FORWARD EGYPTIAN CONTROL BASE FOR THE THREATENED BLOCKADE OF THE GULF OF AQABA.

2. LOCATION:

AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE SHIBH JAZIRAT SINAI (SINAI PENINSULA) ON THE RED SEA APPROACH TO THE STRAIT OF TIRAN AT 2750N-03417E.

3. REMARKS:

SHARM ASH SHAYKH SERVED AS THE MAIN SUPPORT BASE FOR THE 1956 EGYPTIAN BLOCKADE OF THE GULF OF AQABA. FOLLOWING THE OUTBREAK OF THE SUEZ WAR AND THE CAPTURE OF SHARM ASH SHAYKH BY THE ISRAELI ARMY ON [REDACTED] THE INSTALLATION WAS TURNED OVER TO THE UN EMERGENCY FORCE. A UNIT OF THE UNEF OCCUPIED THE AREA UNTIL [REDACTED], AT WHICH TIME IT WAS EVACUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EGYPT'S REQUESTED WITHDRAWAL OF THE UNEF ON [REDACTED]

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

PROVIDED THE FIRST SYSTEM
COVERAGE.

6. NEGATION DATE:

NONE

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7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: SEVEN KH-4 MISSIONS.
8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: 4,600 x 150 FT NE/SW PREPARED EARTH
3,650 x 150 FT N/S PREPARED EARTH
9. MISSION READOUT: A PROBABLE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA IS LOCATED BETWEEN THE AIRFIELD AND THE PORT FACILITIES AND CONTAINS 1 POSSIBLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 4 POSSIBLE BARRACKS AND 12 OTHER BUILDINGS. NO CONCENTRATION OF VEHICLES, PERSONNEL OR EQUIPMENT IS OBSERVED. APPROXIMATELY 30 CARGO TRUCKS, 1 POSSIBLE 6 POSITION AA SITE (UNOCCUPIED) AND 1 POSSIBLE 4 POSITION AA SITE (UNOCCUPIED) ARE ALSO OBSERVED. NUMEROUS TRENCHING ACTIVITY IS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 12 NM NORTH OF SHARM ASH SHAYKH AT 2800N-03426E. (NOT SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) POOR INTERPRETABILITY PRECLUDES THE IDENTIFICATION OF ANY COASTAL DEFENSE POSITIONS.
- AOB: 2 CRATE AND 1 HOUND AT RAS UMM SID AIRFIELD
- NOB: 8 COMBATANTS (PROBABLE PATROL/PT) AND 1 OTHER VESSEL AT THE PORT FACILITIES.

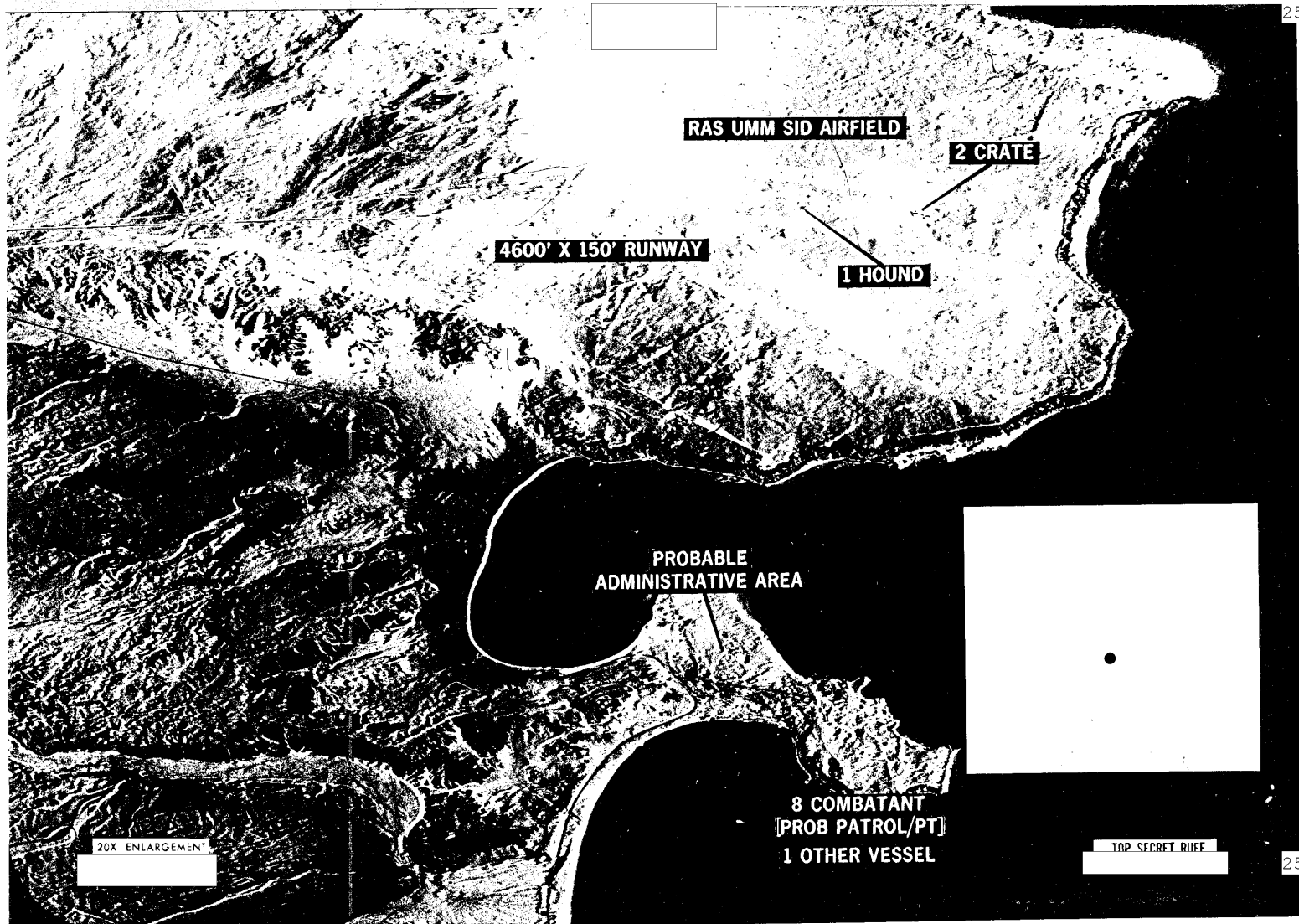
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